

# MEAD TAKES RESERVE JOB



The four men at the centre of Wycombe's upheaval. John Maskell (far left), Ian Rundle (second from left) will join John Delaney (second right) at Oxford City, while Keith Mead (right) takes over the Reserve team job at Loakes Park.

# Maskell leaves after 19 years at Loakes Park

**KEITH Mead, Wyoming Wanderers' veteran defender, has taken over as Reserve team manager, in succession to John Maskell, who has left the club after 19 years as a player and manager.**

Maskell, 38, has left Loakes Park to become assistant to his old Wycombe teammate, John Delaney with Isthmian League Division One side Oxford City.

Delaney succeeded Bobby Moore as City manager last month, and to complete the virtual Wycombe takeover at the White House Ground, Ian Rundle, who helped with the reserves last season, is to become Oxford's chief scout.

The departure of Maskell after such a long and memorable stay at Wycombe will come as a shock to his many friends and supporters. But he sees this step in a different light, although he is sorry to leave Wycombe.

"I was offered the job by John Delaney, who told me it would be a joint partnership," said Maskell this week. "I will just be with the first team and this is something that obviously attracted me."

"I weighed up every situation. It is nearer home and the potential at Oxford is tremendous. Everything's right here except the playing side.

"I wish to dispell the notion that I came here for the money. Oxford are now offering realistic wages. I be-

lieve in the maxim that money does not buy success. The policy here has changed in that respect.

"It was certainly a big wrench. I left the club on very good terms. I've got a lot of time for Mike Keen and I'll miss people like Jock Sheppard and Brian Lee.

By going to Oxford City, Maskell is returning to the club for whom he first played 20 years ago. All the time he played for Wycombe, he lived near the University town.

Maskell was first choice  
goalkeeper for most of his 18  
playing seasons with Wycombe  
and one of the most re-  
spected 'keepers in the whole  
of non-league football.

Yet he never gained an England Amateur international cap. He was un-



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